

## FAMILY FRAGMENTS

**PREAMBLE:** My interest in genealogy began late 1999. Over the years, a good deal of my findings were published on [www.pelteret.co.za/genealogy](http://www.pelteret.co.za/genealogy). In October 2012, I decided to move on and explore other interests.

However, the correspondence relating to prior publications did not stop. Between 2011 - 2020 over 230 persons have been in touch, either providing information complementing that published earlier or seeking specific information. A good deal of the correspondence represented considerable work and decided research acumen on the part of the correspondent.

I have been prevailed upon to publish particularly worthwhile material as an addendum to my original publications. These are they.

### FAMILY NAME: Kotze 15\_Dirk Kotzé

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**2010/02/08, 9:08 pm**

I am Dirk Albertus Kotzé 06/03/1950 (named after my grandfather - Dirk Albertus Jacobus Krige).

I have a brother, Nicolaas Johannes 24/11/1956, named after our Grandfather Nicolaas Johannes Kotzé who lived in Elgin, Grabouw.

He was a blacksmith and an ox-wagon builder. He had 9 children. I will try to give as much as I can remember. His wife was a miss Brandt.

Chikdren:

Willem; Bessie, Nico (Nicolaas Johannes); Babs; Japie (died young due to a heart defect); Abraham Pieter (my father) 09/04/1919; Jan Jurgen; Ina; Dirk (I think Dirk Jacobus).

Willem married Marie - Children: Nico (NJ); Abrie; (2 daughters).

Nico married Babs - Children: Nico (NJ); Johann (he had polio as a baby and is a paraplegic).

Bessie married a Mr Lindeman - Children: a daughter and two sons.

Babs married a Mr Bornman - Children: 2 daughters.

Abraham Pieter married my mother: Hendrika Hillegonda Krige 01/11/1921 - Children: Diek Albertus; Nicolaas Johannes.

Jan Jurgen married Doreen - Children: Linda; another daughter.

Ina married Schalk (can't remember his surname, they had 2 children, a boy and a girl (I think)).

Dirk married Evelina - Children: 4 Boys and 1 girl (I know there is a Deon, a Rudi, a Dirk, and an Alwyn. I can't remember the name of the daughter).

I married Josewena Hendrina Mouton 17/08/1949 on 22/11/1969. Children:

Abraham Pieter 15/06/1970

Johannes Hendrik 10/04/1974

Dirk Albertus 16/04/1979

Mouton 23/02/1985

Johannes Hendrik married Lise Michell Beugger 16/07/1976 on 31/01/1999. Children:

Melise Hanri 22/11/2001

Elrike Jana 02/04/2003

Karli Diane 24/02/2005

Anke Michell 08/02/2008

My brother, Nicolaas Johannes married Annetjie Coetzer - Children:

Este

Riëtte

**2010/02/10, 9:09 pm**

Thank you for your respons.

The Nicolaas Johannes in 1.2.2.3.1.2.1.7.3 can not be my grandfather, as my father's d.o.b. is 9/4/1919 and he was the sixth child already.

However I have found out that my grandfather thought his names were Nicolaas Everhardus, until late in his life. Only when he needed a Certificate of Baptism did he find out that his names were Nicolaas Johannes. His son Nico was baptised Nicolaas Everhardus, as well as a few of my cousins.

My brother was the first to be "correctly" named after him: Nicolaas Johannes. Grandma Kotzè was born Elizabeth Brandt (Bettie), on 9/7/1889 she passed away in 1952. My grandfather passed away in 1956.

I made a spreadsheet with the details as I find it, and as soon as I have better info I will forward it to you.

I plan to visit my parents on Sunday (13/2/2010) and will see what I can get from my father. His memory is not very good anymore, he is 90 years old.

It is only him, and his sister Ina that are still alive.

Also, the house in which my father was born in Elgin/Grabouw, still exist, it is now a Restaurant opposite the "Harris" store which also dates back to

his childhood. I had photographs of it, will look and try to let you have it.

**2010/02/19, 7:18 pm**

I enclose the info I was able to gather regarding my family.

My grandfather had 3 brothers and a sister: Frans, Johannes, Hendrik and Wilhelmina (Richards).

My father cannot remember all the names and D.O.B's. As a family, they were not very close. Amazing. As soon as I am able to get new info I will pass it on. I found the pictures of the house in which my father, and perhaps all his siblings were born, as well as the picture of the shop across the road - Harris General Dealer. As soon as I can get them on the computer, I will send them to you.

2010/03/03, 5:41 pm and R>M>P> 2010/03/03, 7:10 pm and 2010/03/03, 7:53 pm

I am technically/electronically handicapped.

(ie: I don't understand all the new things you can do with a computer)

I learnt quite late how to use one.

I will ask my son to help me with the document.

He should understand how to send it to you.

Snail mail will be an absolute last resort.

Good evening. Our offspring: Weekly, I am finding that there are many things that "they" don't know about like trees, roots, sewers and blockages go together. "No: don't chop out the olde tree" "No, don't call in Rotarooter" "Think ..... work it out ..... then do ..... and have someone pat you on the back for being resourceful whilst you pour yourself a stiff restorative!"

Look forward to exploring your research.

R>M>P>

No offence taken. (I have a thick skin, and a very good self image)

Will ask my son to assist me

**2010/03/06, 1:55 pm      attachments**

**2010/03/06, 6:01 pm      contact details of relatives**

**2010/03/03, 7:53 pm**

I am curious whether the pictures came out on your side.

Hope they did, just for the sake of relating to the area where my father grew up.

My grandfather was a wagon builder, and a blacksmith, running his business from that house.

I think the outbuilding on the right on one picture was his workshop.

All his tools were given to a Museum that was also operating on that premises, but

my father told me that the last time he was there, most of it had been stolen/given away/

removed. He was not sure, but about nothing was left.

**2010/03/06, 1:55 pm**

1. N.J. Kotze wedding +/-1901
2. A.P. Kotze & son +/-1952 (My father with me)
3. A.P. Kotze wedding +/-1948
4. D.A. Kotze Family 2009 (L-R Back: Pieter; Wena; Dirk; Mouton. Front: Hannes; Dirk Jnr)
5. Family house 001 1998 (The house where my father was born in 1919 - Elgin)
6. Family house 002 1998
7. Family house 003 1998 (Outbuilding on the right was blacksmith workshop)
8. Harris Bros 1998 (Across the street from the house - Elgin)
9. N.J. Kotze Family (L-R Jan; Ina; Piet; Nico; Dirk; Babs; Bessie; Willie; Clasie. Sitting: Bettie)

I've made 2 mistakes.

1. The picture of my grandfather on his wedding was taken about 1909.
2. My father's picture was taken in June 1947.

All I know is that the House is right opposite the shop of Harris & son.

The pictures were taken in 1989, but if I remember correctly, it is in the main street of Elgin.

If you drive from Grabouw, once you cross the river, the shop is on your left, and the house on the right.

At that stage it was operating as a restaurant/steakhouse.

**2011/04/09, 12:21 pm**

I wish to notify you that my father: Abraham Pieter Kotzé died on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011, in Springs, after falling in Christmas day, and breaking his hip. He was 91 years old, and today was his birthday, he would have been 92 today. I looked through your website, but I see you have not yet been able to place my family where it should fit in. I hope that it will be soon.

**2013/03/12, 9:50 pm**      **change of e-mail address**

	Volle Name	Noem naam	D.O.B	Sterf datum	Beroep	Woonagtig		Vader/Moeder
1	Nicolaas Johannes	Clasie	1884	1956	Wa-maker	Elgin, Grabouw	Oupa	Kotzé
1a	Elizabeth Brandt	Bettie	09/07/1882	1952	Huisvrou	Elgin, Grabouw	Ouma	Brandt
1.1	Willem Adriaan Gysbert	Willie	30/9/1910	**	Klerk	Pretoria	Oom	Clasie/Bettie
1.1a	Maria	Marie		**	Huisvrou	Pretoria	Tante	Joubert
1.2a	David	Lindie		**	Staats-veearts	Bizana	Oom	Lindemann
1.2	Elizabeth	Bessie	1912	**	Huisvrou	Bizana	Tante	Clasie/Bettie
1.3a	Jan	Jan		**	Polisie beampte	Plumsteed, Kaap	Oom	Borman
1.3	??	Babs	6/3/1914	**	Verpleeg-suster	Plumsteed, Kaap	Tante	Clasie/Bettie
1.4	Dirk Jacobus	Dirk	30/9/1915	2008	Boer	Pieter Maritzburg	Oom	Clasie/Bettie
1.4a		Evelina		**	Huisvrou	Pieter Maritzburg	Tante	
1.5	Nicolaas Everhardus	Nico	5/8/1917	2003	Skrynwerker	Olifantsfontein	Oom	Clasie/Bettie
1.5a	??	Babs		**	Huisvrou	Olifantsfontein	Tante	Erasmus
1.6	Abraham Pieter	Piet	09/04/1919		Prokureur	Balfour Noord	Vader	Clasie/Bettie
1.6a	Hendrika Hillegonda	Rita	01/11/1921		Onderwyserres	Balfour Noord	Moeder	Krige
1.7	Jacob	Japie	6/11/1921	1932	Skolier	Elgin, Grabouw	Oom	Clasie/Bettie
1.8a	Schalk	Schalk		1963		Nelspruit	Oom	Viljoen
1.8		Ina	22/2/1925		Huisvrou	Nelspruit	Tante	Clasie/Bettie
1.9	Jan Jurgens	Jan	20/1/1917	2008	Prokureur	Pretoria	Oom	Clasie/Bettie
1.9a		Doreen			Huisvrou	Pretoria	Tante	Kritzinger
1.1.1	Nicolaas Everhardus	Nico				Witbank	Neef	Willie/Marie
1.1.2	Willem Adriaan Gysbert	Adrie				Stellenbosch	Neef	Willie/Marie
1.1.3		Tersia					Niggie	Willie/Marie
1.1.4		Elsa					Niggie	Willie/Marie
1.2.1	Leonie	Leonie				Klerksdorp	Niggie	Lindie/Bessie
1.2.2	David	Boetie	1948				Neef	Lindie/Bessie
1.2.3	Deon	Deon					Neef	Lindie/Bessie
1.3.1		Elmerie					Niggie	Jan/Babs
1.3.2		Anita	1949				Niggie	Jan/Babs
1.4.1		Leon				Pieter Maritzburg	Neef	Dirk/Evelina
1.4.2		Rudie	1948				Neef	Dirk/Evelina
1.4.3	Dirk Jacobus	Dirk	1949		Sielkundige	Pretoria	Neef	Dirk/Evelina
1.4.4		Alwyn			Boer	Underberg	Neef	Dirk/Evelina
1.4.5		Marietta					Niggie	Dirk/Evelina

